

On motion of Mr. Richard Allen the rules were suspended to allow the consideration of the following messages just received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Austin, August 13, 1870.

Hon. IRA H. EVANS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR: I return to your House the "Act to incorporate the Caranchua Bridge and Road Company," which originated with you, and ask that it be reconsidered.

This act, on examination, will be found to be a piece of legislation that may operate injuriously to the people of Galveston county by compelling them to pay heavily for the privilege of making a causeway and bridge from Galveston Island to the main land. It provides that the company shall within six months designate the termini of said causeway and bridge, and within two years thereafter *commence* the construction of the same. It nowhere provides, however, that the company shall ever *finish* the work. It may *commence* only and never finish, but in the meantime if the county of Galveston should desire to build such a causeway and bridge, it must pay to this company two hundred thousand dollars for the privilege.

It appears quite evident to me that this charter is asked for with no purpose in good faith of building this work, but for the purpose of exacting good terms should the county of Galveston desire to build it.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.

The question recurring "Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, viz: a bill entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Caranchua Bridge and Road Company?'" the yeas and nays were called and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Becton, Burley, Bonner, Booty, Ellis, Gardiner, Jenkins, Kyle, Lyons, Miller, Posey, Pierson, Plumley, Prissick, Robb, Ross, Simmons, Slaughter, Sinclair, Stockbridge, Shelburne, Schutze, Zapp—24.

Nays—Messrs. Abney, H. R. Allen, Jo. Abbott, Burnett, Cooper, Cotton, Camp, Cox, Dupree, Davis, Dorris, Franks, Grot-haus, George, Hughes, Harn, Hamilton, Kendall, Lacy, Lane, Leonard, Morrison, Henry Moore, McLean, J. F. McKee, Mitchel, Mullins, Medloek, Robinson, Sheriff, Schlickum, Schlotman, Tegener, Tinsley, R. Williams, B. F. Williams, Youngkin, Zoeller—38.

So the House, on reconsideration, refused to pass the bill.